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SUBJECT: INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS CAIRO

1. INDIAN FONMIN Y.B. CHAVAN PAID A 3-DAY VISIT TO EGYPT AT THE INVITATION OF EGYPTIAN FONMIN ISMAIL FAHMY. ARRIVING ON MAY 27, HE MET WITH FAHMY IN THE EVENING AND DISCUSSED MATTERS REALTED TO THE SITUATION IN ME, AND EGYPT'S PROPOSAL THAT THERE BE REPRESENTATION FROM THE NON-ALIGNED STATES AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. CHAVAN WAS RECEIVED BY PRES SADAT ON MAY 28, WHERE HE PRESENTED SADAT WITH A MESSAGE FROM INDIAN PRES FAKRUDDIN ALI. MESSAGE INCLUDED AN INVITATION TO SADAT TO VISIT INDIA, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE DATE OF VISIT TO BE SET AT A LATER DATE. CHAVAN ALSO HANDED SADAT A MESSAGE FROM PRIMIN INDIRA GHANDI RESPONDING TO MESSAGE SADAT HAD SENT TO HER EARLIER.

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3. CHAVAN ALSO MET WITH PRIMIN MAMDOUH SALEM AND SPEAKER OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SAYED MAREI. THEIR DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED LARGELY ON BI-LATERAL RELATIONS AND THE ROLE NON-ALIGNED STATES CAN PLAY IN REACHING A ME SETTLEMENT. ON MAY 29 CHAVAN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE (A) HAILED SADAT'S PEACE EFFORTS AND REAFFIRMED INDIAN SUPPORT AND THAT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES FOR THE ARAB CAUSE AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS; (B) STATED THAT A JUST MET SETTLEMENT MUST BE BASED ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED AFTER 1967 WAR; (C) INDICATED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION WITH EGYPT IN SETTING UP ARMS FACTORIES AND (D) POINTED OUT PARTICIPATION OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL DEPEND UPON ATTITUDE OF COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

4. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS (A) REFERRED TO ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AS BEING SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVAILING DANGEROUS SITUATION IN ME; (B) INDICATED AGREEMENT THAT ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW FROM ALL ARAB OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THAT PALESTINIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO FORM THEIR OWN STATE.

5. ALTHOUGH ALL CAIRO PAPERS REFERRED TO ABOVE ITEMS WHEN REPORTING ON THE COMMUNIQUE, ONLY AL AHRAH MENTIONED PROVISION IN COM UNIQUE THAT INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE PRESERVED AS A ZONE OF PEACE, FREE OF MILITARY BASES, AND THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD AGREED ON AN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDED FOR PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED.
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